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For: An Outline Extracting Apparatus; A Method For Extracting  
An Outline; A Computer Readable Memory Medium Stored With  
An Outline Extracting Program; and A Computer Readable  
Memory Medium Stored With An Outline Data

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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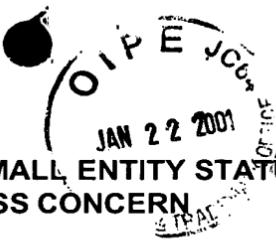
- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
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concern identified below:

Name Of Concern: Kabushiki Kaisha Armonicos  
trading as Armonicos Co., Ltd.

Address Of Concern: 111-2 Itaya-machi, Hamamatsu-shi  
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.1301-.1305, and referenced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that exclusive rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in



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- ☐ the specification filed herewith.  
☒ the application whose serial number is set forth above.  
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